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ventured to complain of these outrages have
been forcibly suppressed by order of govern-
ment, and the people called to consider and petition
for a redress of grievances have been dis-
persed at the point of the bayonet. Bear in
mind that these wrongs have not been perpe-
trated alone in sections of the country where
rebellion prevailed, but in loyal states of the
north; and by lawless and irresponsible mobs,
but publicly and shamelessly by the express or-
der, or with the official sanction of the adminis-
tration. Again, the constitution of the United
States, Article 4, Sec. 3, enacts that "New
States may be admitted by the Congress into
this Union, but no new state shall be formed or
created within the jurisdiction of any other
state, or any state be formed by the junction of
two or more states, or parts of states, without
the consent of the Legislatures of the states
concerned, as well as of Congress." In defiance
of the plain prohibition of the organic law,
Congress, at its last session, passed an act,
which the President approved, dismembering
the state of Virginia and forming within her
boundaries a new state, without the consent of
the Legislature. The action of the government
in defiance of Virginia is peculiarly significant
to our people, as propositions have been ad-
vanced by leading statesmen of the republican
party to dismember California by creating two
new states within her limits; a measure which
would add to the burdens of our tax-paying
citizens, without any corresponding benefits.
Finally, the President of the United States,
by his emancipation proclamation has attempt-
ed to interfere with an institution exclusively
under the control of the individual states, and
has thus created an almost insuperable barrier
to the reconstruction of the Union. By his
plan of "compensated emancipation" the
President and his party propose to tax the
laboring white man in order to purchase the
freedom of the negro race, and place their labor
in competition with that of the white citizens of
the north, thus taxed. We cannot but con-
sider that California, if her people acquiesce
in, and by their votes at the ensuing election
approve these measures, will be causing them
to share the burden of the sin of the nation,
which exists in many of our sister
states of the Atlantic. Our duty as American
citizens, regarded for our freedom, and the sacred
obligation incumbent on us to bequeath to our
children the free institutions under which we
have so far eminently prospered, admonish us
to register the polls our earnest protest against
these tyrannical and most unwarrantable
usurpations of power.

Within the last two years more than two
thousand millions of dollars have been expen-
ded, and upwards of two hundred thousand
of our citizen soldiers have perished on the battle
fields or in military hospitals. It is an extraor-
dinary assertion that more than half of this treas-
ure, and of these invaluable lives have been
sacrificed through the imbecility and corruption
of the administration at Washington, and its
subordinate officers. Reports of congressional
committees, and the candid exposition of the
country, is certainly in accordance with
my own inclinations. I entertain no views
which I would conceal—advocate no policy
which I would fear to avow, and would accept
no office obtained by the sacrifice of candor and
integrity.

Inasmuch as my health at this time prevents
me from making an extended canvass of the
State, and conferring with you personally I de-
sire in the present emergency to record in
language which is not confined to the printed
page, the opinions of the constitutional
and legal positions of the federal and state govern-
ments, and their relative duties. It is my
design, in this connection, to lay before you the
line of policy which I deem proper and applic-
able in the management of our state affairs, and
I solicit for them your candid consideration,
assuming you that, however imperfectly ex-
pressed, they are the conclusions of a judgment
which seeks only the truth, and of a heart that
desires, above all earthly aspirations, the wel-
fare of California—the prosperity of the fed-
eral Union, and the preservation of the Consti-
tution with all its guarantees of liberty. These
objects can be obtained by one course only—a
faithful observance of the spirit and letter of
the constitution, as understood by the fathers
who framed our institutions, and by the
supreme court of the United States. Even
in a period of profound tranquility, a devotion
by any department of the government from the
sphere of action prescribed for it by the organic
law of the land, is attended with dangerous
results. But in a time of war and extraordinary
excitement, when sectional animosities are in-
tensified, when the passions of the multitude,
and the zeal of the dominant party are intem-
perant of any opposition, the restraints and limi-
tations imposed by law on the federal govern-
ment should be sacredly observed, and no
disregard of them by our rulers, if sanc-
tioned by the people, must speedily lead to
revolution and anarchy, terminating in the over-
throw of constitutional liberty and the dissolution
of the Union. During the first sixty years
of our national existence, no statesman, no
prominent leader of any political party, dared
to violate, much less to justify, an encroach-
ment by the general government on the rights
of the states or the liberties of the citizen.

Indeed, such was the jealous solicitude of the
fathers on this subject, that the first session
of the first Congress of the United States, the
following amendment to the constitution was
proposed, and subsequently adopted by the re-
quisite number of states:

"The powers not delegated to the United
States by the constitution, nor prohibited by it
to the states, are reserved to the states, re-
spectively, or to the people." Until the advent into
power of the republican party the foregoing
amendment was held not less obligatory than
the grants of power to the federal government,
rooted in the fundamental law.

No state is more loyal or devoted to the
American Union than California. She has re-
sponded with alacrity to all demands made on
her patriotism, has paid with uncomplaining
cheerfulness her portion of the onerous taxes
levied by the government and contributed a
larger amount to the National Sanitary Fund
than any one of her sister states.

But since California has furnished the most
gratifying evidence of an ardent and unselfish
attachment to the Union, yet her citizens must
have witnessed with apprehension and abhor-
rence repeated acts of tyrannical usurpation and
corruption practiced by the republican adminis-
tration and Congress at Washington City, and
their officials, civil and military, throughout the
United States. We have seen martial law pro-
claimed and the writ of habeas corpus suspen-
ded, the right of trial by jury denied, the sancti-
ty of the mails violated, contributions levied on
whole communities by irresponsible military
subordinates, imprisonment, banishment or
death inflicted on citizens accused of no crime
and tried before tribunals unknown to the laws,
and a system of espionage and secret police es-
tablished which finds a parallel only in the
annals of Asiatic despotism. Newspapers which

administrative usurpation of extraordinary and
dangerous powers not granted by the Constitu-
tion—the subversion of the civil by the military
law in states not in insurrection or rebellion—the
arbitrary military arrest, imprisonment, trial and
condemnation of American citizens in states where
civil law exists in full force and reign—the sup-
pression of freedom of speech and the liberty of
the press—the open and avowed disregard of state
rights—the final attempt to force the negro race
on a social and political equality with the white race
—and the employment of unusual test oaths—as
evidenced to preserve or restore a union of the
several states or perpetuate a government "deriv-
ing its just powers from the consent of the gov-
erned."

Resolved, That we are opposed to all secret po-
litical organizations and societies, as dangerous to
the liberties of the people and destructive to our
republican form of government.

Resolved, That we claim and demand as in-
alienable rights, freedom of thought, freedom of
speech, of the press, and further declare that govern-
ment agents should at all times be held to a
strict accountability to the people, and that all
errors of such agents should be liable to the full
and free discussion for the purpose of correction
by the ballot-box.

Resolved, That we denounce and unqualifiedly
oppose the Emancipation Proclamation of the
President of the United States as tending to pro-
tect indefinitely civil war, incite servile insurrec-
tion and inevitably close the door forever to a
restoration of the Union.

Resolved, That we disapprove of all Congress-
ional laws tending to substitute a paper currency
in California place of our own metallic circulating
medium.

Resolved, That the spirit and meaning of the
Democratic Platform of this State are comprised
in the words, "The Constitution as it is and the
Union as it was."

There are other subjects of grave public im-
portance, not directly embraced in the above
resolutions. Permit me, before closing this
communication, to lay before you my views in
reference to them, soliciting fast patient and
calm consideration, which it becomes a free
people to bestow on all questions that may
affect their present and future prosperity.

When California became a sovereign member
of the American Confederacy, she was endow-
ed with all the rights and privileges enjoyed by
any of the original thirteen states. By virtue
of that sovereignty she is entitled to all the
mineral wealth within her boundaries. Such is
the opinion of successive legislatures that have
been elected since the admission of California into
the Union, and such has been the official ad-
judication of the Supreme Court of the state.

Thus far the state has guarded this right
with the most jealous care. She holds it in
trust for the benefit of her citizens, leaving
the people free to work and develop the
mines at their own judgment, may dictate, ex-
cepting no tribute from parties in possession, and
acquiring in the local laws made by the miners
themselves for the management and government
of their respective districts. Any interference
by the federal government, or its subordinate
agents, could result only in unmitigated evil. It would
imply, if not destroy all mining titles now ex-
isting, and checking all future developments of
this chief source of our wealth and pros-
perity, virtually striking at the very foundations
of the state.

For the present active energy of our people,
wide-spread confidence and devotion. I shall,
therefore, if elected to the gubernatorial office,
support and recommend the policy heretofore
pursued by the state on this subject. I shall
perfectly free to work and develop the
mines in the sole and undisputed posses-
sion of their citizens, undisturbed by any edicts
or orders of federal authority, and exempt from
any control or taxation by the federal govern-
ment. I am induced to be this explicit by the
fact that the federal government has recently
occurred, foreshadowing a disposition on the
part of the present administration, to as-
sert a control over the mines, with a view to
raise extraordinary revenue for general govern-
ment purposes. Such a course of policy, if
pursued, would result in the complete subver-
sion of the state, and if persisted in,
will reach disastrously to the material interests
of the state. My own opinion is fixed and un-
alterable, that "TO THE MINERS BELONG THE
MINES," and if elected to the Chief Magistracy
of the State, I shall endeavor to maintain the
policy which the constitution and the laws
may confer on me to the maintenance and en-
forcement of this policy.

There is another subject of vast importance
to all classes of our citizens, and of special im-
portance to the colored race, which we cannot
forget. Recent events in the Atlantic states in-
dicate an immigration to our shores of a large
number of the negro race. The destructive
and unconstitutional policy of the administration
has released from servitude many thou-
sands of the colored race, in the border
and other southern states. They follow our
armies from their old homes to the free states.

There they are not permitted to remain, and
consequently will, unless prohibitory measures
are adopted, seek an asylum in California.

While any citizen avows to act with good will
towards those of African descent who are already
within our borders, sound judgment teaches
that it is impolitic to permit the immigration
into our state of a race which must ever remain
a separate and inferior caste. The immediate
and most laborious and ruinous competition
with that of our worthy industrial classes; a
result which must be deplored by all who regard
the material prosperity and moral advancement
of the laboring population as one of the noblest
objects of a state's legislation. In the event of
my election, I shall use my personal and official
influence, as far as it may be legitimately
exercised, to procure the passage of laws to dis-
courage the immigration of all such persons.

It will be my proudest ambition to aid in mak-
ing California in every respect, what the pio-
neers of the state designed it should be, the
home of a happy, enlightened and patriotic race
of white freemen.

As the federal taxes, which our citizens will
be required to pay for many years to come, will
necessarily be onerous in the extreme, I shall,
if elected, endeavor to administer the state gov-
ernment with a view to the strictest economy.

To the attainment of this end I shall advocate
and earnestly recommend to the legislative de-
partment of the state, a thorough revision of
the revenue laws, and the reduction of salaries
whenever practicable. During the last session of the
Legislature franchises of great value have been
lavishly granted to individuals; in many in-
stances with such reckless disregard of the
wishes or welfare of the people, that the pio-
neers of the state, the corrupt appliances
have influenced the legislative action. Again,
the Legislature, with the sanction of the Gov-
ernor, has made appropriations anticipating the
ordinary revenues of the state for years to
come. It requires an argument to illustrate the
pernicious result of such a system. These
abuses must be corrected or the state will be
involved in hopeless bankruptcy. Whether a
party which has inaugurated them can be safely

entrusted with their reformation, is a question
which remains for you to determine.

Followers, if ever there was a time in
our history which demands from the people
of California the exercise of enlightened reason
and exalted patriotism, the present is that pe-
riod. The ordinary issues of a State canvass
sink into insignificance when compared to the
consequences dependent on the result of the
approaching September election. It will deter-
mine by what principles, and under what rules
the Government of California shall be adminis-
tered for the ensuing four years. More than
that it will exercise an important influence on
the public opinion of the Eastern States, and
possibly on the destinies of the nation. Your
very isolation from the tumultuous passions,
and scenes of sanguinary violence, prevalent
in other sections of the Union, will bestow
dignity and power on any judgment you may
render. Decide, then, whether you will adhere
to a party, the leaders of which ruthlessly
trample upon the most sacred guarantees of
liberty, or whether you will support the Nation-
al Democracy in their efforts to arrest the pro-
gress of a despotism which threatens to subvert
every vestige of freedom that yet remains in
the American Confederacy. Decide, as far as
your votes can determine the question, whether
the interminable war which desolates our unhap-
py country shall be waged for the preservation
of that Constitution, and the restoration of that
Union, which your fathers ordained; or whether
it shall be conducted in a spirit of fanaticism,
which abhors and rejects alike the dictates of
humanity and the usages of civilized na-
tions, with no other objects than the emancipa-
tion of four millions of negro slaves of the
South, and the establishment of a consolidated
military despotism in the North. Whatever
may be your decision, my fervent prayer is that
Heaven will vouchsafe to our beloved country a
speedy deliverance from her present troubles,
and to California and her sister communities on
the Pacific the continuance of peace, prosperity
and liberty.

JOHN G. DOWNING,
July 13th, 1863.

[From the Chicago Times.]
A SHAMELESS CONFESSION.

The reader will, perhaps, recollect an account
communicated to the *Times* by one of the cap-
tains in the Chicago "Irish Legion," some time
since, of the interview of Adjutant General
Thomas with the Legion, and the subsequent
discovery of the Legion's true character, and
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Cum to think of it, I am. He would be such an infatuated man of the people would let him alone. He is indeed a good character. And now I think of it, why can't I write people let him alone? What's the good of continually stirring him up with a ten foot pole? He isn't the worst kind of person when in a natural state.

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E. B. BOUST, EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2, 1863.

RESPONSIBILITY OF VOTING.

There is one act which the American citizen is called on to perform which should suggest to his mind the weighty responsibility that rests upon him in exercising the privileges of a freeman; upon his action in this respect is the weight or vote of himself, his family, and friends. Upon his intelligence and devotion to the fundamental principles of our free institutions are we to depend for that maintenance of the liberties and rights of citizens whose ancestors endured everything but the sacrifice of honor to bequeath their posterity a government which they in their wisdom and experience had formed out of a government which had denied to man those privileges which are his inalienable rights. The guardianship of this government was transmitted to the American citizen, and on the zeal and watchfulness of our people depends whether the oppressed of other nations shall yet find a protecting arm thrown around them to shield them from tyrannical despotism of other countries. He is to determine by the exercise of the elective franchise whether we shall hold our faith good to the noble descendants of La Fayette, De Kalb, Kosciuszko, and Montgomery, or whether, after receiving the benefits of the services of these noble men in securing the liberties of our people, we act with base ingratitude to their descendants and inhuman measures inimical to their welfare. Are we, now that we have secured the right—namely through the efforts and assistance of the fathers of our foreign born citizens—to declare them the right of being co-workers and equal sharers in the blessings of our government? God forbid. If then we are actuated by a spirit of justice and fairness; if we yet hold to that honorable sentiment of casting aside local and sectional prejudices, let us indicate by our actions that we are sincerely honest in our professions by casting our votes for those whom we know to be honest and faithful to our government and the principles and measures which have heretofore contributed to make us one of the mightiest people on earth. Such men, voters of Placer, are placed before you by the Democrats of the State and county; men eminently fitted by education and capacity to fill the positions to which they aspire, from the noble and patriotic Downey down to the candidate for the office of Constable. The Republican-Abolition party have vilified and slandered every man on the poor white man's ticket, and ask you to vote for men whose settled policy is to raise the negro to your level, to compel you to compete with the African in your labor, to place yourself and little ones to the debasing equality of these beings unfit by nature to associate with you. Do you desire to keep your family pure from the contaminating encroachments of the negro?—Vote the Democratic ticket! Allow no feeling of a personal nature to swerve you from the great duty you are called upon to perform for your country. You elect men for four years to govern you, and it behooves you to weigh well the character of the men submitted to your choice before it is too late. The bit of paper you this day deposit will decide whether you still favor the principle of a free government, under which you are protected in civil and religious liberty; or whether you desire the establishment of a monied aristocracy and a military despotism, the object of which is to enslave you and your descendants. On the one hand are the glorious blessings of free speech, free press, and protection of life and the pursuit of happiness—blessings inestimable to man—and the other, misrule, anarchy, loss of religious and political liberty, and military despotism. Choose ye between them. By supporting the Democracy you secure the blessings of the former, and by opposing the democracy you call upon yourself the curses of the latter.

KEEP IT BEFORE THE PEOPLE!

Keep it before the people that John Yule, the Republican candidate for the Senate, is the only man who voted against the appropriation for the Pacific Railroad, in the Assembly last winter.

Keep it before the people, that John Yule, the Abolition candidate for Senator, is fully committed to the negro policy of the Abolitionists, and will, if elected, endeavor to place the "American citizen of African descent," on a political equality with the white man.

Keep it before the people, that Judge Hale, the Republican candidate for the Senate, favors the admission of the testimony of Negroes, Chinamen and Indians into our courts of justice, and that Charles A. Tweed, the Abolition candidate for District Attorney for this county, endorses Hale's sentiments.

Keep it before the people, that the Republican-Abolition-Negro-worshipping party are in favor of imposing heavy taxes on the people of this country for the purpose of liberating the slaves of the South.

Keep it before the people, that the Republican-Union party is opposed to a restoration of the Union unless the freedom of the negroes can accompany it.

Keep it before the people, that the Union party is opposed to the Constitution of the United States, and believe that true patriotism consists in a criminal disregard of that instrument.

Keep it before the people, that the Democracy is in favor of the suppression of the rebellion, and a restoration of the Union of the States with or without slavery.

Keep it before the people, that the Democratic party is in favor of a strict adherence to the Constitution, and a rigid accountability to the people by their servants. In an economical administration of the government, and advocate measures resulting in the greatest good to the largest number.

AN INFAMOUS LIE.

The Abolition hounds—the miserable, cowardly, sneaking, hypocritical knaves that are engaged in engineering their miserable cause through the field to utter defeat and ruin, are devoid of all honor. The poor ignorant things are not satisfied with simple lying, but they have the meanness to swear to it. They have charged our candidate for Sheriff with having said that he would not vote for a man on the State ticket, which is a deliberate falsehood, and we are sorry to learn that their candidate is guilty of peddling the infamous lie.

The most recent lie appeared in the columns of the Forest Hill Courier, and will be found to read as follows:

Iowa Hill, Aug. 21. Editor Placer Courier:—The following rich dialogue occurred on our street, a few days ago, which is a fair sample of Henry Gooding's style. Mr. Gooding—Mr. Powers, how are all the people at Danvers? I presume you are all going to vote for our ticket this election. Mr. Powers—Well, I think not. We have concluded to vote for Union men this year. Mr. Gooding—Why, sir, I am a Union man. I'm as good a one as you are. Mr. Powers—You are, eh? Well, I have just been talking to some Georgia Secessionists, down the street, who intend voting your ticket, and now suppose you just walk along with me, and tell them that you are as good a Union man as I am. Mr. Gooding—No, sir, I won't. I won't go to a Georgia Secessionist's house, and tell him that I am a Union man. I won't go to a Georgia Secessionist's house, and tell him that I am a Union man. I won't go to a Georgia Secessionist's house, and tell him that I am a Union man.

Now, Mr. Editor, the inference to be drawn from this dialogue is, that when Mr. Gooding talks with Secessionists, he endorses their sentiments, and when he meets a Union man, he is for the Union. Give me a fish, or flesh, or fowl, in a minute. I want to eat it with you. Mr. Gooding—No, sir, I won't. I won't go to a Georgia Secessionist's house, and tell him that I am a Union man. I won't go to a Georgia Secessionist's house, and tell him that I am a Union man. I won't go to a Georgia Secessionist's house, and tell him that I am a Union man.

Mr. Gooding having read the above pronounced it as false, and went to work and traced the infamous lie to the door of Mrs. Lynch's husband Phil. The whole thing was manufactured by Mrs. Lynch's husband and written out by him. To prove that the charge is willful and malicious falsehood we publish the following letter of Mr. Power, which speaks in thundering tones for itself:

DANVERS, Aug. 20, 1863. Mr. Gooding, Esq.—Dear Sir:—The communication in the Forest Hill Courier of this date, signed by you, is a fabrication. I never saw any lie in the pleasure of an introduction to you, nor never heard your political opinions, either in Iowa Hill or elsewhere. Respectfully yours, H. W. POWER.

P. S. I never had any conversation with either of the candidates.

—Union Advocate.

HENRY GOODING.

The gentleman whose name heads this article is a candidate before the people for the important position of Sheriff, and enjoys the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with nearly every citizen in the county of Placer. He is a gentleman of marked ability, and capable of filling a position of greater magnitude and responsibility than the one he now aspires to. He has held office in this county with credit to himself and honor to those who supported him, and no man can say against him, or charge him with neglect, or brand him as a defaulter. He would not again be before the people, if the Republican party had carried out, during the last session of the Legislature the wishes of the people, who elected him to the same position. In fact he is not before the people, at his own request or solicitation, but by the demand of his friends, who avowed, that after he was unjustly and dishonestly turned out of office, they would record the condemnation of the unprincipled outrage at the ballot box, by again placing him back to serve out his full term, and carry out the wishes of the honest voters of Placer.

A strenuous effort is being made by a diminutive Justice of the Peace, and a horde of Abolitionists to defeat this worthy gentleman. All kinds of yarns—falsehoods—the most foul—lies the most malignant and damnable are constantly being put in circulation. Among the numerous charges made against this excellent gentleman is one to the effect that he keeps a deputy in his employ that wears a copperhead pin. Now, the truth of the matter is that the afore-said deputy does not wear a copper badge, nor never did. He does not wear a copper cent—legal money of the United States mint, made in Philadelphia in conformity with the laws of Congress, and which is made a legal tender for all debts and liabilities, and is now a circulating medium in the United States. There is no more treason in wearing a copper cent than there is in wearing one of old Abe's greenbacks, but it is enough to damn any man in the eyes of the black Republican-Abolition traitors, to be found wearing either an ornament or a badge of the same kind at the same time. They think as little of Uncle Sam's currency as they do of the government—each are secondary considerations compared with the "Nigger."

The abolition shriekers and tick lipped nigger worshippers, are too, circulating falsehoods that would put to shame any other class of human beings, and declaring that the same man, that they can prove their assertions by affidavits of respectable men. Now, Democrats, and Republicans, who wish to see justice done Mr. Gooding, do you duty whenever you hear obnoxious charges made against him by denouncing them as false. It is only by the most energetic and unflinching course that they can possibly win. There is not a charge that is derogatory to Mr. Gooding that we will not bet money on its being false.

READ! READ! READ!!!

The Abolitionists, despairing of carrying the election by fair means, have manufactured the most stupendous falsehoods about the Democratic nominees. Notice in another column the refutation of the lie started on Gooding the Democratic nominee for Sheriff. They have also circulated the lie that Mr. Gooding refuses to endorse the entire Democratic ticket. We are authorized to say that there is not a particle of truth in the assertion. We also learn that William Sexton, the Abolition-Republican candidate, has been particularly industrious in circulating or repeating this falsehood. Will honorable men countenance, by their votes, a man so far lost to fair dealing as to give circulation to falsehoods about his opponent? We have an abiding faith in the integrity of the people, and feel confident that they will administer to this pretender a withering rebuke.

BE VIGILANT AND FIRM.

Democrats, watch well the polls, and allow no one to vote who is not legally entitled. The Republicans are importing voters into the county who have no vote for county officers. See that they do not vote. They will have a squad at each precinct.

ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that a general election will be held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of September next, throughout the State, at which the following officers are to be elected, and the names of the candidates for each office are as follows:—

For Sheriff of the County of Placer, Daniel Collins and James Lusk, Judges.

For District Attorney, 1st District, Daniel Collins and James Lusk, Judges.

For District Attorney, 2nd District, Daniel Collins and James Lusk, Judges.

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